MNCs in telecom sector

2355. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telecom Sector is carrying the shadows of the pre-freedom era;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than the 70 per cent of the telecom market today is being controlled by the MNCs who are working for their vested interests; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

STD codes in the country

†2356. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) number of STD codes in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to reduce the number of STD codes; and

(c) if so, the facility being considered to be provided to reduce STD codes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Number of STD codes in the country is 2645.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.